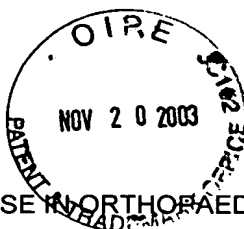


In re Application of: Daniele Venturini  
 Application No. 09/937,941  
 Filed: January 25, 2002  
 For: BONE SCREW FOR USE IN ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination and Preliminary Amendment to the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time

☒ Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$950.00 (enclosed).

☐ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other: Request for Continued Examination as per attached request. (\$770.00).

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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